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CANTON POLICE OUTLINE PROCEDURE FOR REPENTANT REACTIONARIES

The Canton Police Bureau, on 15 December, issued regulations under the title "Procedure for Reactionary Elements to Register Their Repentance," as follows:

- 1. Under orders from the Canton Military Control Commission concerning reactionary groups, we lay down the following procedure.
- 2. To strengthen the people's democratic dictatorship, maintain public order, and preserve the people's life and property, we proclaim the following plan for reactionary groups to renovate themselves.
- 3. All members of reactionary groups indicated in this plan must, between 20 December and 5 February, apply to be registered as repentants, at places designated by this bureau.
- 4. Members of the following organizations are elements of reactionary groups: Kuomintang or its subsidiary reactionary bands, San Min Chu I and its reactionary organizations, China Youth Party and its reactionary organizations, Democratic-Socialist Party and its reactionary bands.
- 5. Those who hold any but the lowest rank in any of the above-named groups, according to the above provisions, shall register as repentant reactionaries at the following offices:
- a. Members of said groups who are ordinary citizens shall report at their local police stations.
- b. Members of said groups employed in party government offices, or schools, or who hold an office in a state-operated trade or industry shall report to their administrative offices.
- c. Said persons who have important secrets to report, or other special reasons, may go directly to the Central Police Station to make their declarations.

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- 6. For the process of registration, each person must bring his census card (if any), and two recent photographs of himself, bustview with bare head. He must fill out two application forms and report any information regarding the following:
- a. Name, alias, age, native place, sex, present occupation, and present address of all members of party organizations to which he belongs or knows about.
- b. Documents, badges, symbols, puppet government orders, and any other evidences of reaction.
 - c. Documents, charts, and propaganda material.
- d. Weapons, ammunition, radio codes, signal equipment, poisons, and other dangerous or concealed articles.
- 7. Persons taking any one of the following actions may have their guilt reduced, or even be rewarded:
- a. Holding an underground worker, or one appointed recently to such work, and quickly reporting same to police.
- b. Reporting information which leads to the arrest of Chiang-US underground agents.
- c. Turning over, or persuading a secret agent to turn over, weapons, radio transmitters, codes, important documents, or other articles.
- d. Before our army's entry, having protected the nations's important materials in warehouses, documents, and revolutionary persons from harm; these actions must be fully authenticated.
- e. Making special contributions to the registration of reactionary elements.
- 8. Any person guilty of one of the following offenses shall be punished according to law:
- a. Refusing to register, or engaging in conduct that hinders others from registering.
- b. Obstructing national reconstruction or creating rumors, committing murder, causing tumult, or plotting or practising other antirevolutionary acts.
- c. Pretending to register as a repentant while continuing to carry on antirevolutionary activities.
- d. Failing to report or destroying concealed weapons, radio transmitters, codes, documents, proofs, etc.
 - e. Manufacturing evidence to slander others.
- 9. Persons failing to register as repentants within the prescribed period and continuing their antirevolutionary activities will be arrested and severely punished.
 - 10. These regulations shall be in effect from the day of promulgation.

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